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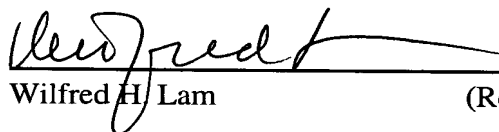
Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested.

The previously pending claims have been amended to correct typographical errors and correct antecedent references.

Please charge the required fee, if any, to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no.9840-0041-999). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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**EXHIBIT A:
MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS**

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12. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said [forming] establishing step includes the step of [forming] creating a fermentation zone within said primary waste pond.
13. (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein said [forming] creating step further comprises the step of forming [said] a fermentation zone between approximately 6 to 8 meters deep.
14. (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein said [forming] creating step further comprises the step of forming a fermentation zone having a top surface area no greater than 0.09 hectare.

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